

IOWAccess
Project 8 Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 30, 1998
Federal Building, Des Moines & Remote ICN Locations

Project Team Present

Marty Adkins, US Department of Agriculture
John Brandt, Cedar Rapids Department of Human Services
Bernie Hoyer, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Harold Jensen, Story Council Engineer
Kevin Kane, Iowa State University
Tom Kane, Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization
Roger Patocka, Iowa Lakes Community College
Ann Peton, Information Technology Services
Dave Plazak, Center for Transportation Research and Education
Stu Turner, Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

Staff

Tori Squires

David Plazak called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Executive Order Update

Plazak noted that he and Peton are still working with the Governor's Office to get the Executive Order signed which will formalize the Iowa Geographic Information Council (IGIC). They noted that they will continue to work with Bob Rafferty to get this signed.

Plazak stated that Jim Youngblood of ITS will make appointments to the IGIC after it is formalized. Youngblood has stated that he wants to begin the Council with the original membership. Plazak noted that this may be a problem because universities have extra members. The IGIC will probably discuss this issue at its May 1 retreat.

GIS Clearinghouse Update

Peton stated that at the last IGIC meeting, she reviewed a list of what should be offered through the Clearinghouse. She noted that she will forward this list to the team for review and input.

Peton also noted that a Clearinghouse coordinator has not yet been hired. She stated that she met with Kent Hiller of Iowa Interactive, the Project 1 vendor regarding development of the Clearinghouse. Hiller noted that they can assist in the development of the web page for the Clearinghouse. In addition, they can assist identify linkages for the Clearinghouse and can help set up connections.

Peton indicated that because the Clearinghouse should be on-line by August 1, having Iowa Interactive assist in this would help keep the project on schedule.

Adkins asked what Iowa Interactive would charge to provide this service. Peton noted that she will talk to Hiller about this.

Peton also noted that the Polk County Auditor's Office is interested in linking with the GIS website and using its firewall. She noted that a meeting with Polk County is tentatively scheduled for April 9 or 10. She invited team members who are interested to attend.

After discussion, the team agreed that although Iowa Interactive may be asked to assist with web page and linkages development, the responsibility of the GIS Clearinghouse coordinator should be focused on management of the Clearinghouse including such things as cataloging geospatial data, identifying links, and improving access to GIS data.

The team agreed that Peton should work with Iowa Interactive to determine what their services would be and what the price for those services would be. The team will also review Peton's list of what should be included in the Clearinghouse and indicate what the priorities of the Clearinghouse should be.

Education

Plazak noted that he and Peton are working with Iowa State University Extension to develop an outreach session with five ICN sites. He noted that this will be geared toward local governments and more specifically toward decision makers. The next meeting is on April 17 to discuss this when ISU Extension should have a proposal. The session will probably be held in September. Peton noted that ISU Extension will also develop a survey instrument to determine the effectiveness of the sessions.

Patocka stated that he and Peton are working to set up a meeting of GIS educators. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 22. It was noted that the Geographic Alliance of Iowa, Area Education Agencies, and the Iowa Department of Education should be notified of the meeting.

Iowa Emergency Management

Peton reported that she and Adkins met with Mike Elliott and Dennis Harper of the Iowa Emergency Management Division (EMD) to discuss funding EMD received to work with local entities on hazard mitigation for flood recovery. EMD is looking at using GIS in this effort. Peton is providing some background for EMD on this and has collected information on how other states have done this. Peton and Adkins will meet with EMD again on April 7. Peton also noted that EMD is interested in looking at GIS to coordinate a statewide E-911 effort. She also stated that EMD will eventually hire its own GIS expert.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 1 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the STARC Armory right after the IGIC retreat.